the Cochin Harbour Agreement. I want to know whether the duty that we will be able to collect on the Jaffna tobacco imported at Trivandrum and Colachel will also have to be surrendered for division ?

President : Whatever happens to the duty elsewhere will happen here.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : I move that the House be pleased to grant this demand of Rs. 2,231 for the purposes I have mentioned just now.

Presdent : The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs 2,231 under Excise for the entertainment of a staff for the Triavndrum Tobacco Bankshall and the Colachel Sea Customs.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

POLICE.

Mr. R. Picthu Aiyangar : Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 5,121 under Demand—Police for—

(i) the opening of two Police out-posts, one at Karimannoor and the other at Arakulam in the Todupuzha taluk—Rs. 1,160.

(ii) the provision of wooden stands for the traffic point-duty constables in the Trivandrum town—Rs. 800.

(iii) the purchase of a new Pilot car—Rs. 3,161.

Sir, so far as the opening of the two Police out-posts is conerned the question was taken up at the instance of Mr. John Kattakayam, a member of this House, and correspondence began in 1933. In such cases generally the matter is referred to the District Officer of Police and to the District Magistrate, and they enquire into the matter and send in their reports pointing out the necessity or otherwise. The same procedure was gone through in this particular case as well ; all the officers have agreed that there is need for the out-post for the reason that now there are no good roads for the people to have easy approach to the Police stations. At present there are certain villages nearly 33 miles away from the Police station at Todupuzha. New lands are also brought under cultivation and there are so many other causes that necessitate the opening of these two out-posts. It is after considering the importance and the necessity that this demand has been made.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : Are not crimes in those parts on the increase ?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : There are so many unreported crimes and the people have found it impossible to have timely access to the police station. Both the Police and the people find it rather

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[Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar.]

very difficult to bring the crimes under control because of certain di ficulties that now exist. These are the reasons for opening the two out-posts there.

As regards the provision of wooden stands for the traffic point duty constables, there are now 16 important points selected for the regulation of traffic. We tried palm umbrellas. They lasted for only two months. Then the canvas umbrellas were tried and these lasted only for about six months and it has been found that there will be a recurring expediture of about Rs. 210 on this account. I made a reference to the Workshop Engineer.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know from the Government whether they have considered the risk that these Policemen are put to by motor cars running on the stands?

President: The car will hit the stand and come to a standstill.

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: It is less risky for the man standing on the platform to which the umbrella is attached.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Is the member aware that in civilised countries Policemen are hung in the air for controlling traffic?

President: He will introduce it next time.

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: Probably when air traffic increases as in other countries our constables in the future may also hang in the air.

We want sixteen umbrellas each costing about Rs. 50. It is for that purpose I move this demand.

As regards the purchase of a new pilot car I wish to state the the present car has become unserviceable and expert opinion goes to show that it is almost useless. Every month an expenditure of Rs 50 to Rs. 60 is being incurred on account of the present pilot car getting into disorder very often. Thus there is the necessity for purchasing a new pilot car of a superior and different make. That is the reason why we are going in for a new pilot car.

For these reasons I would appeal to the House to grant the supplementary demand before them.

President: The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 5,121 under Police for the items already mentioned.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

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